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THE SHAFTOE FAMILY
INFORMATION GATHERED

BY

ROY P. SHAFTOE
933 Belmont Ave.
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A member of
THE SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DEDICATED
to
MY GRAND CHILDREN

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ROBERT LEROY and SHERRYL ANN

The son and daughter
of

ROBERT GRANT and SHIRLY MAE SHAFTOE
612 Max Welton Drive, Des Moines, Ia.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS }
Champaign County } ssREPORT OF BIRTH

1. Full Name of Child Roy P. Shaftoe

2. Sex Male Race or Color (if not of the white race) _____

3. Number of Child this Mother 3rd

4. Date of this Birth June 10, 1886

5. Place of Birth, No. _____ Street Mahomet, Ill. } City
Vill.
6. Residence of Mother, No. _____ Street Mahomet, Ill. } Town

PLACE OF BIRTH, TOWN, STATE OR COUNTY AGE OF

a. Father New York 41

b. Mother New York 37

8. Full Name of Mother Mary Ellen Shaftoe

9. Maiden Name of Mother Mary Ellen Place

10. Full Name of Father Robert H. Shaftoe

11. Occupation of Father Minister

12. Name and address of Nurse or Attendant, (if any) _____

Date December 9, 1886 ~~xxx~~ Reported by J. H. Gardiner } M. I.
Residence Mahomet, Ill. } No.

Because some members of the Shaftoe family have accused me of misrepresenting my own identity, I am placing with this information a photostat copy of my own birth report certified to by the County Clerk of Champaign County, Ill.

Referring to the photostats of my grandfather's and grandmother's "Old Family Bible," which was given to me by my cousin, Mrs. H. E. Seeley, Lock Box 632, Farmington, Mich., who was the daughter of Rev. Thomas Shaftoe Jr., you will note that William, their oldest son, was born July 29, 1822, when his mother was 20 years of age. My father, their youngest child, was born Dec. 4, 1843, when his mother was 41 years old. There is nothing mysterious about this. This would make William 21 years older than his brother Robert, who was my father.

In the marriage record you will note that William married in June 1842, lacking one month of being 20 years of age. According to the best information I could obtain his oldest son, William Jr., as I identify him, was born in Schaghticoke, N. Y. April 15, 1843. This would make him 7 months older than my father Robert, William Jr., the oldest son, William A., according to my information, was born in November 1864, or when his father was 21 years old.

My father, Robert H. Shaftoe, on the other hand, married my mother when he was 33 years old and was 42 years of age when I was born; that would make William A. Shaftoe 22 years older than myself. According to this information and records, he also would be the grandson of my Uncle William Shaftoe, my father's brother.

MY ALIBI

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."
Prov. 22, 1

Situated as I am financially it is absolutely unnecessary for me to alibi to anyone as to how I spend my money. For eight hours a day five days a week, exclusive of two weeks vacation, I give my Employer the best I have, and again I do not have to alibi to a living soul as to how I use the balance of the time, but when you do something that other people say is foolish or crazy, it is only natural for us to alibi to ourselves as well as to others as to why we are doing it.

From the time I was a small boy my father instilled in my mind that the Shaftoe name is one of the best names there are; that millionaire women here in the United States marry just for a name that is no better than the Shaftoe name. All the way back the Shaftoes had always been the most noble and upright people, standing for and fighting for the highest principles of right; that a Shaftoe's word had always been as good as a U. S. government bond; "SON, KEEP IT THAT WAY."

My father never believed in telling us children falsehoods. At Christmas time we were told no untrue tales. Only the true, beautiful stories of Christmas, and what Christmas day really was. He was always very careful to show us the difference between a true story and fiction. He never hesitated to condemn as false any untruth. So when he told me this as well as other things I did not need to ask any questions or to make any investigations. To me it was true.

At the age of 23 years, I married Eleanor Irene, daughter of Grant L. Trask, who was a prosperous farmer, Deacon of the Baptist church where my father had been pastor, who lived two miles west of Eagle Grove, Iowa. Her mother was Agnes Samantha, daughter of Orris Elon French, who was the head of the Renwich, Iowa branch of the "French Family".

A cousin of my wife spent 17 years gathering information and history of the French Family, even making a trip to Europe to get additional information. This information she put in a very attractive book. A copy of it is in Newberry Library here in Chicago. Each year the French Family would hold their Family Reunion at Renwich, Iowa, and different members of the family from all over the United States would attend. Each year my son Robert Grant Shaftoe would attend with his mother, and as he grew older he became very proud of the fact that his mother and he were members of the French Family.

When I told my son that while he had a perfect right to be proud of being a member of his mothers family the "French Family", He had as much right to be proud of being a Shaftoe for the Shaftoe family was just as prominent in history; that all the way back, the Shaftoes had been the most upright and noble people, always standing and fighting for the highest principles of right; that a Shaftoe's word had always been as good as a U. S. government bond; and that he himself should always keep it that way. His mother took a strong "Show Me" Attitude.

At this time I was working 11 hours a day 7 days a week for a meager wage, besides studying a correspondence course in my spare time in the hopes that I could improve my condition so that I could keep up more closely with the Frenches, so I did not have the time nor the money to do anything about it.

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After my wife and ~~my~~ separated, I did quite a bit of traveling as I had done before our marriage. One of the first things I did in a city regardless of how long I stayed was to look up my name in the city directory if possible, or at least in the telephone directory. These places included Milwaukee, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; Tulsa, Okla.; Denver, Colo.; Omaha, Neb.; Sioux City, Iowa; Des Moines, Iowa; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., and never did I see my name, excepting two places. That was in Catalogs carrying saddlery showing the "Genuine Shaftoe English Saddle" and in Mother Goose's Rhymes.

At the time my grandson, Robert LeRoy Shaftoe, was born, in the hotel where I was living and also on the job where I worked almost all of the men played the race horses. I heard race horses discussed frontward and backward, and one of the outstanding points that were discussed was the horses' pedigrees. The question came to my mind, "If you can tell by the pedigree of a horse how fast he or she should run, why can not I tell by the pedigree of my grandson the classification under which he should run in this great race of life?"

A large sum of money is spent keeping up to date the records of the pedigrees of domestic animals, fowls, and pets. While very little attention is paid to the pedigrees of ourselves or our children. We quote the old slogan that "we are all born free and equal"; that each one of us has an equal chance to be President of the United States, but when we come to face the realities of life, to me these statements seem untrue. Weighing only 128 lbs., I would be a fool to stand up before a man who was physically fit and weighed 50 lbs. more than I do and declare that I was his physical equal, and I would be just as foolish to declare I was the mental, social, or financial equal of many others, and if I was to get up on the floor of the Senate and declare that I was the political equal of any man in the place, if I did not get locked up in the crazy house I would at least get thrown out of the place.

Everyone of us can remember in our school days of how some boy or girl without any apparent effort all through their school days received the highest grades, while some other boy or girl who was more sincere, studied, and really tried harder received the poorer grades.

It can be true that after our school days were over that wooden head, mutton head, pudden head Jones could have married the teacher and also had most of the money during the depression, but if he did marry the teacher and did have most of the money during the depression, then wooden head, mutton head, pudden head Jones had some admirable qualifications that others lacked. They were not his equal.



Shaftoe

SHAFTOE.

Lineage: The Shaftoe family is of great antiquity in North England. Some incidental proof of the rank which the old Shaftoe Lords held on the border between Scotland and England may be gathered from song and tradition. At the "Raid Of The Redswire", in 1575 a hostile meeting between the Scottish and English wardens, one of the war cries of the later was "A Schaften and a Fenwick". The Scotts had the honour of the day and among the English who were wounded and taken prisoners was Henry Shaftoe.

"Young Henry Shaftan, he is hurt,
A Soldier shot him with a bow".

Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border.

John Foliot, Lord of Fenwick, Henry II (22). Married the Daughter of Sir Aden Beaumark, Knight, and had a son.

John Foliot, who married in 1207, Annabella, daughter of Sir John Pollington and had three sons.

1. Sir John, whose daughter married, Sir John Hasting, Knight.
2. Cuthbert, of whom presently.
3. Alexander

The second son,

Cuthbert Folliott, married the daughter and heir of Roger Welwick, Lord of Shaftoe, and had a son.

Thomas Folliott, who was the first to assume (10 Edward II) the surname of Shaftoe from his residence Shaftoe-Crag which was in Norththumberland county, twelve miles West to South of Morpeth. In this locality today, is East Shaftoe Hall and West Shaftoe. On this estate the hills came down to a rocky crag in which is a large cave, in solid rock. Growing on the estate was hickory which was used for making shafts for arrows and spears, and bows. This estate evidently was known as the Shaftbow-Crag estate. Later it became to be known as the Shaftow-Crag and finally Shaftoe-Crag, the name that was first assumed. From this nobleman sprang the several branches of the family, some of which still exist today; some having dropped the "E" off the name spelling it Shafto.

Five generation descendant from this Thomas Shaftoe was:

William Shaftoe of Bavington (1441), who married according to some genealogists, Margaret Riddle; owned a three thousand acre estate. Each branch of the family, I was able to trace go directly back to this nobleman.

The last remaining two hundred acres of this estate which is now known as Plashetts farm, Harle, New Castle-on-the Tyne, is owned by Miss Cynmia Shafto, who so kindly furnish me a great deal of the information which she not only had herself but obtained for me from records of other members of the family, which are still in England.

Miss Shafto, is a member of the Whitworth branch of the Shaftoe family being the Great-great-granddaughter of Robert Shafto, who was the son of John Shafto, son of Mark Shafto, who founded the Whitworth branch of the family. Robert Shafto was the Bobbie Shaftoe in Mother Goose's Rhymes. He married in 1774, Anne Duncombe, who was the heiress of the Eden Estate known as Bentwell Park. The estate thus became to be known as the Duncombe-Edan-Shafto Estate. He was a member of Parliament for Durham county in 1760-1768. He died in 1797, and was buried at Whitworth. Miss Shafto's great grandmother, who lived to be 102 years of age and died in 1888, was the sister of Anthony Eden's Great Grandfather.

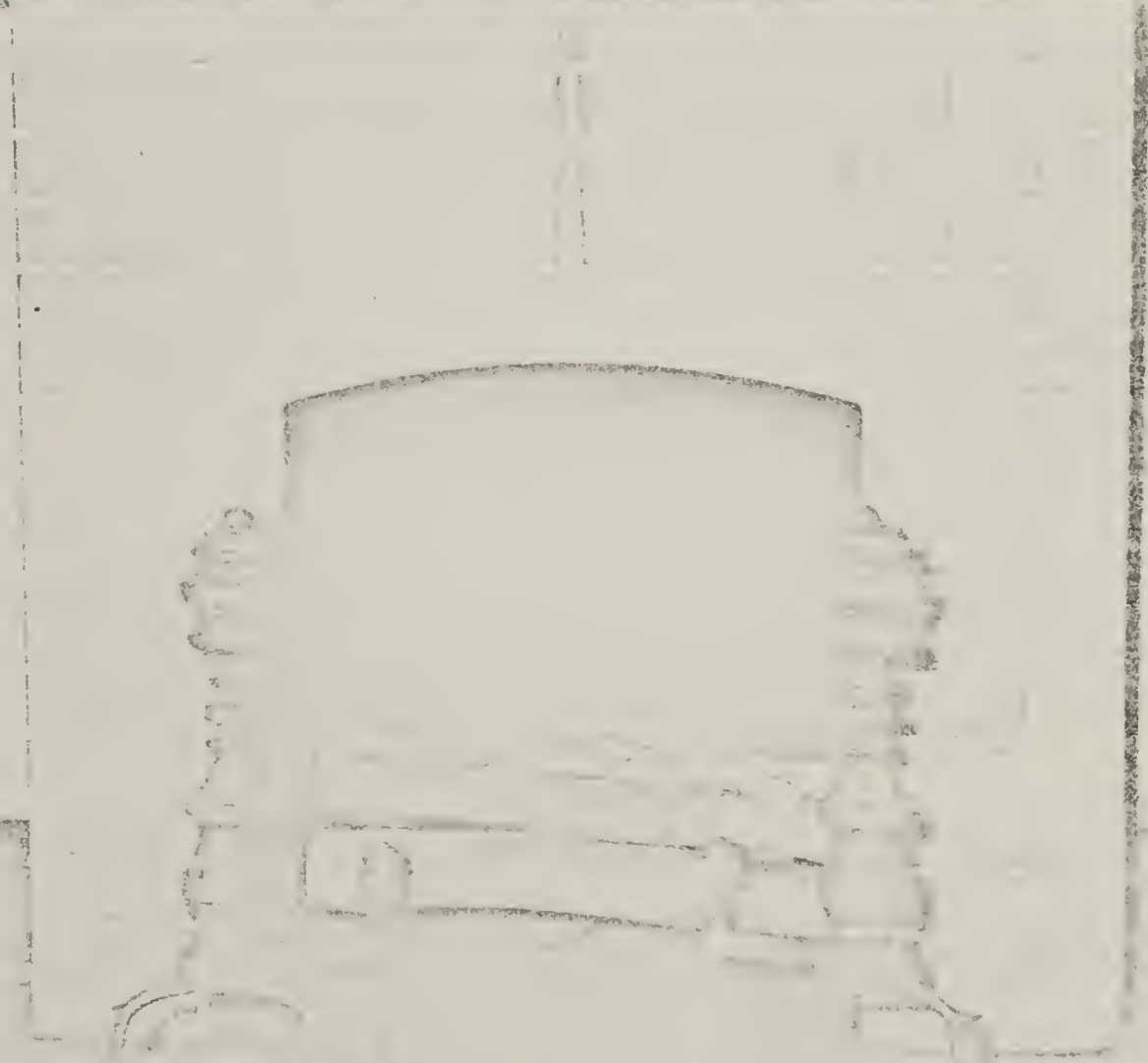
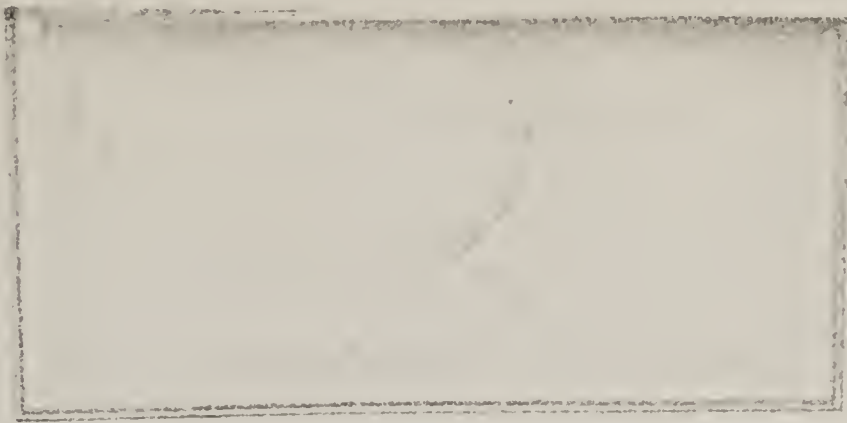
Mark Shaftoe, who founded the Whitworth branch of the family was a younger son of the oldest son and heir of William Shaftoe of Bavington (1441). He made a large amount of money in the ship building industry and purchased the Whitworth Estate located in Durham county in 1504. This branch of the family belonged to the Established Church of England, dropping the "E" off of the Shaftoe name. They became very prominent socially and politically; being Mayor of New Castle on the Tyne; members of the house of parliament; high Sheriffs of the county. Mark Shafto, and his son Robert Shafto, who was knighted in Whitehall, June 26, 1670, were leading Baristers of Law. Some of their cases are recorded in the reports of Sir Croke Knight, formerly one of the Justices of the Kings-Bench pleas court (England) of such select cases as were adjudged in the said courts during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and James, the first, in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries.

The Bavington branch of the family, on the other hand, retained the "E" on the name, always spelling it Shaftoe. They were Presbyterians and members of the opposite political faction. According to English history these were very critical days in England. Kings had their wives beheaded, because they grew tired of them and wanted a new women; Dukes and Earles obtained the kings decree and had men of prominent families, whose reputations and character were beyond reproach, hung because these men differed with these Dukes or Earles in regard to religion and politics, and had courage to publically demonstrate against this tyranny. Following such an incident, an organized armed resistance was formed and this band of men died fighting against this tyanny. Yet England today does enjoy the religious and political freedom for which these men fought.

Sometime during these critical days, the head-ship of the Bavington estate went from the Bavington branch to the family of the Whitworth branch. The Bavington branch became scattered and almost eliminated. Today there is no direct line which can be traced. There are a few facts that remain, namely the Bavington branch retained the spelling of the name, spelling it Shaftoe. They were Presbyterians and belonged to the minority political groups. The only last remaining evidence of direct heirship is the old Shaftoe heirloom that has been handed down from Father to son for several hundred years. A pair of old andirons; the ornamental part is solid brass. I have placed a picture of this heirloom in this book.

This family heirloom is now in the possession of Mrs. Claude Shaftoe, who is the widow of my oldest brother, now deceased. My grandfather, Thomas Shaftoe, was the proud owner of this heirloom. According to family records, and information told me by my father, his father was born in England, July 9, 1796. I could not establish the exact location or name of the place, although it is apparent that it was located near the Scottish border in the vicinity of the Cheviot Hills. When I was but a boy -- after supper which we called the evening meal - it was the custom for the family to gather around the old Base-Burner while my father would relate some experiences, sometimes about the old colonial familys here in America, or of the old familys in England, or my mother would read aloud a book, which my father had selected. The title of one of these books was "Beside the Bonnie Breir Bush" by Rev. John Watson, under the pen name of Ian MacClaren. Because of the Scottish dialect which my mother was unacustom to, the book was hard for her to read and much harder for us children to understand. So the reading of the book was given up. My father was very disappointed saying that the setting of the book was the community in which his father had been raised. I always thought this community was also located near the Scottish border and in the vicinity of the Cheviot Hills. But I found out after investigation that it was a village by the name of Drumtochty, which is located mid-way between Crieff and Perth in Perth county Scotland.

Perth county Scotland is the heart of the textile industry for which Scotland is famous. It was here, evidently that Thomas Shaftoe learned the weavers trade while he was yet a boy. Becoming an expert textile worker. He must also have received some military training for at the age of twenty years he was a commissioned officer in Wellington's army at the time of the battle of Waterloo, June 18, 1816. Though not taking part in the battle because he was stationed with troops between the sea and Brussels, where Wellington had his headquarters. These troops were held in reserve to be used as fresh troops to hold Napoleon in case Wellington was defeated, while he and his army could get away. Sometime after his discharge, Thomas Shaftoe came to Paterson, New Jersey, as superintendent of a textile mill which was owned by English capital. He married Rebecca Hooghkerk of Albany New York, Sept. 11, 1820.



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REBECCA HOOGHKERK

This marriage between Thomas Shaftoe and Rebecca Hooghkerk, Sept. 11, 1821. We have the uniting of this old family of northern England and an old Colonial Family, whose lineage goes back to the both famous couple Rev. Everard Bogardus and Anneke Jans (Yans) who were married in New Amsterdam, now New York, on June 21, 1642.

Nelson's Encyclopedia: Everard Bogardus (? - 1647) New Amsterdam clergyman, was born in Holland, and was the second minister of the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam, where he arrived in 1633. He was almost constantly in trouble with Governors Wouter Van Twiller and Kieft, whom he publicly denounced for corrupt practices and intemperance. Both governors made counter charges, and Bogardus was returning to defend himself before the classis in Amsterdam when he was shipwrecked and drowned in Bristol Channel. His wife was Anneke Jans.

Nelson's Encyclopedia: Anneke Jans (YANS) (? - 1663) Dutch colonist of New Netherland, concerning whose landed property there arose one of the most long-continued litigations in American history. She first married Jans or Jansen, with whom she emigrated to America and afterwards Everard Bogardus, an early minister in New Netherland. In 1671 her heirs sold what had been her property, about 60 acres, immediately below Greenwich, now a part of New York City, to Governor Lovelace, but the heirs of one of the sons of Anneke Jans did not participate in the sale. In 1674 the land was confiscated by the Duke of York, and in 1705 it was granted by Queen Anne to the Trinity Church Corporation. The property increased enormously in value, and certain descendants of the non-participating heirs subsequently brought suit against the Trinity Church Corporation on the ground that the failure of these heirs to join with the others rendered the original sale null and void. About seventeen suits were brought between 1750 and 1847, when Vice-Chancellor Sanford of N.Y. decided that the corporation had acquired an indisputable title by prescription. Other suits were subsequently brought, but the decisions were invariably in favor of the defendants. (unquote)

Anneke Jans Bogardus received after the death of her first husband, Reoloff Jans, 31 Morghs (about 62 acres) between Christopher and Warren Streets along East River. This would be just East and North of City Hall Park today. After the death of her second husband Everard Bogardus she received another 62 acres in 1654 by Hellgate on Long Island. I first presumed that the foregoing suit mentioned involved the site or adjacent property of the Trinity Church at the end of Wall Street, but after further study I find that there extended where Wall Street is a wall that ran from river to river built as a protection from the Indians and English for New Amsterdam. Wall Street received its name from this wall, which would have run through the site now occupied by the Trinity Church. In her will she mentioned Farm Land, House and Lot, and four silver cups, but no mention was made of the location of the property. After the death of Bogardus she returned to Albany, N.Y. to live where she died in 1663.

Pieter Bogardus, a son of Rev. Everard Bogardus and Anneke Jans Bogardus, was born April 4, 1645. He was a river boat Captain running between New York City, then New Amsterdam and Albany, N. Y., residing in Albany, where in 1673, was one of the City Magistrates. In 1690 was a member of the Peace Commission, who negotiated the famous Peace Treaty between the Five Nations of Indians and the Colonists. He resided in Albany until near his death, when he moved to Kingston, where he died in 1703. He married Wyntie Corn Bosh in 1665, and to this union was born a daughter, Maria, in 1666.

Maria Bogardus, on March 19, 1699, married Johannis Van Vechten, a farmer living near Schaghticoke, N. Y., who was buried in Papskee June 23, 1734. To this union was born a daughter Margaret, born Dec. 9, 1705.

Margaret Van Vechten married Barrant Van Buren on Dec. 3, 1737. To this union was born on May 11, 1748, a daughter, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Van Buren married Garret Rykman on Dec. 5, 1769. He was Quarter Master of the First Regiment of the Albany County Militia in the Colonial Troops of the American Revolution (New York in the Revolution by James A. Roberts), Fire Marshall of the First Ward of Albany, N. Y., 1767; City Chamberland, 1779 - 1786. This office was that of rent collector, an appointive office by the City Council. Albany at this time was under a land grant as it mentioned in records of City Council that a committee was appointed to confer with the Hooghkerk Brothers as to the amount of rent they were to pay for their brickyard in Albany. The City Council also took action to collect rent (which was overdue) from the people living in Schaghticoke. To this union was born:

1. Wilhelmus, born April 29, 1771.
2. Anna, born May 16, 1776.
3. Pieter, born Feb. 22, 1777.
4. Elizabeth, born April 20, 1779.
5. Cornelia, born Nov. 10, 1781.
6. SARAH, born Dec. 15, 1784.
7. Hester, born Dec. 13, 1788.
8. Henry, born May 2, 1791.

Sarah Rykman, married on Oct. 18, 1801, Garret Hooghkerk, who was a son of Isaac Hooghkerk, born March 22, 1737, died Sept. 12, 1809, who in 1787 with his brother ran a brickyard in Albany; married Rachel Van Saten (Zandt) and had issue:

1. Rebecca, born June 16, 1766.
2. Antie, born Aug. 25, 1775.
3. Lucas, born March 22, 1775.
4. Garret, born Aug. 8, 1778.

Garret Hooghkerk, who was classified in the Albany City Directory in 1813 as a carpenter, living at 67 Beaver Street (At the time the old Beverych Club sold their property and discontinued, mention was made that part of the Beaver Street portion had been formerly owned by Garret, Sarah, and Rachel Hooghkerk, This property is where the Albany Garage Building now stands). To this union of Garret Hooghkerk and Sarah Ryckman, were born:

1. Rebecca, born July 28, 1802.
2. Garret Rykeman, born Nov. 7, 1805.
3. Rachel, born Oct. 16, 1808.
4. Elizebeth Ann, born Sept. 1813.
5. Hester, born Dec. 20, 1818.

Rebecca Hooghkerk married Thomas Shaftoe, Sept. 11, 1821.

FAMILY TRADITION

Note: This was told to me by my father as being true, although he did not mention his mother's grandfather by name from the description of the two men I have obtained, I myself am assuming that the Gerret Rykeman was the one. Being rent collector of Albany for seven years, he must have been 100% man, plenty tough, and had a lot of courage. So I am using his name to make the story easier to write.

My grandmother's grandfather, Gerret Rykeman, was an Indian Trader living in Albany. He would go up the Hudson River, at times as far as Detroit, which at that time was just an Indian Trading Post, to trade with the Indians. On one of his trips the friendly Indians had just lost a battle with a hostile tribe, and Ryckeman was captured and taken prisoner. Bound to a horse they traveled at night, camping in the day time for about 8 nights, traveling to the Northwest. When they came to the Indian village, in the morning the Indians held council and sentenced the prisoners to run the gauntlet. When it came Ryckeman's turn as the young Chieftain, who ran in front of the prisoners, so that Indian would know the prisoner was coming, bowed to Ryckeman, who had freed his hands and as the Indian bowed, Ryckeman hit the Indian on the jaw knocking him out and turned and ran into the old Chief's wigwam, giving a sign of distress that most all the Indian Chiefs recognized. The chief hid him under a blanket and stopped the Indians from entering. The chief who had lost a son in the battle, because of Ryckeman's bravery adopted him as his son and for about five years Ryckeman lived with the Indians.

On one of the exploration trips by the Indians, Ryckeman being the leader, they were going along the Hudson River when they sighted a boat on the river. Getting the Indians consent on the pretence of wanting to trade some of their furs, Ryckeman again gave the sign of distress in hopes it would be recognized by some one on the boat. The boat stopped and the captain with armed sailors came ashore. The captain, who was from Albany, knew Ryckeman, and upon his return to Albany arranged so that Ryckeman was ransomed, and he then returned to Albany. Each year the Indians would come to pay their respects, bring expensive furs. After his death the Indians came and finding that he had died they held an Indian Pow-wow. My grandmother told my father that as a small girl she remembered this Pow-wow very well.

THOMAS AND REBECCA SHAFTOE

Thomas and Rebecca Shaftoe started their married life in Paterson, New Jersey, which is 16 miles Northwest of New York City on the Passaic River. The city lies in a plain in the bend of the river. The river here forms Passaic Falls, with a descent of 70 feet, 50 of which is in a perpendicular cataract. Most of the city's old history, and data of old families and industries, was destroyed by the disastrous fire in February, 1902, which caused a property loss amounting to \$6,000,000, including the City Library.

Just how long they lived in Paterson I was unable to determine, but according to the best obtainable information their oldest son William, born July 29, 1822, was born in Paterson and their third son Thomas, born Nov. 1, 1828, was born in Schaghticoke, N. Y., where they had moved.

Schaghticoke is a very interesting and picturesque village, located on the Hoosac River about 25 miles North East of Albany, N. Y. The river runs in a canyon through the village, a rapid, whirling stream descending several feet. It was the water power of this river that ran the old textile mill. My grandfather, Thomas Shaftoe, was its superintendent. According to the old records of the Presbyterian Church of Schaghticoke, Thomas and Rebecca Shaftoe joined the church April 15, 1830, and the same year Thomas Shaftoe was mentioned as being an Elder of the church. Their family, which all but the oldest and possibly the second son, born in Schaghticoke, were

1. William, born July 29, 1822.
2. Isciac, born Dec. 28, 1826.
3. Thomas, born Nov. 1, 1828.
4. Sarah R., born Feb. 10, 1831.
5. Mary, born July 8, 1833.
6. Jane Elizebeth, born Dec. 4, 1835.
7. Rebecca, born Oct. 30, 1838.
8. Robert H., born Dec. 4, 1843,

and a grandson, the son of William, William Jr., born April 15, 1843.

According to a newspaper clipping at the time of the death of Thomas Shaftoe Jr. in 1906, the entire family, excepting the oldest son William, who remained in New York, moved to a farm about 15 miles on the Old Plank road North West of Detroit, Mich., when Thomas Jr. was 17 years old or in 1845. There Thomas Shaftoe, in South Field Township of Oakland county, became a pioneer farmer. I was told that when Grandmother Shaftoe first saw the old house on this farm, she just sat down and cried, but tears would not make a home so they all got busy and transformed the old house into a place of beauty so vividly described by my father in his poem, "A Christmas Vision."

"I see the old home cottage
As it stood among the trees;
A place of quiet beauty,
Though not of wealth nor ease,
Where with the dearest friends I dwelt
In years long since gone by,
United by the sacred ties
Of love that cannot die."

This was a wooded country and the first thing that was done was to clear the land. So the only thing to be sold off of the farm was cord wood and lumber. In order to sell lumber the logs had to be hauled to the saw mill. Detroit 15 miles away was the only market for both of these products. So the roads were the biggest problem for the old settlers. These roads for the most part were widened Indian Trails, or cut through the woods by these old settlers. The stumps had to be removed, leaving holes that had to be filled in. In the spring when the frost went out of the ground or during rainy weather these roads because of the bog became practically impassable for any vehicle for weeks at a time. And, when the roads were their best, it took one whole day to make the trip to the "Old Market Place" which was located opposite of the City Hall; where they must be, when the market opened in the morning in order to sell their product. At times most of the day was required before a sale was made. Then, returning home some times very late at night.

In 1848 a general Plank Road Act was passed by the Michigan State Legislature by which the State offered to deliver its main highways into private control with charters to run 60 years; with the expectation of charging toll for every passing vehicle and making just enough improvement to the worst parts of the roads to justify a claim of improvement. There was a general demand for these charters. Many miles of highway were surfaced with plank which were 12 to 16 feet long and 3 inches thick, but these planks were not satisfactory, they soon began to rot, and often they warped so that the ends would be a foot or more above the soil and when one team passed another team one of them had to remain standing while the other passed because of the tilting of the crooked planks. The Detroit and Howell road, as recently as 1895 still had many miles of planks remaining between Detroit and Redford. This road ran on the South Side of the Shaftoe farm.

The Detroit and Howell line was opened in 1851 with 10 Toll Gates. For several years these roads were a blessing, but after that they were seldom in good repair, but the tolls were collected regularly. The common charge for a one or two horse vehicle was one cent a mile. For each additional animal was three-quarters of a cent. For every score of cattle two cents a mile and every score of sheep or swine the charge was one half cent per mile. If a person attempted to run the gate without paying, the penalty was a \$25.00 fine.

In 1895, at the city limits, on every highway leading out of Detroit stood a toll gate and in order to pass the city limits one had to pay toll from the City Hall, even after the city was maintaining paved streets over the route. The toll roads held their charter and for their vested rights, as these charters had 13 more years to run.

December 10, 1895 action was taken to condemn and purchase the toll roads right. A number of prominent citizens protested this action as unjustifiable course which would bring disaster to a lot of widows and orphans whose income was practically limited to their dividends from toll roads stocks. Final adjustment were finally made and the poor widows and orphans turned out to be a bank president and a big street car official.

To the most of these old settlers, their church life was not only their spiritual life but the most of their social life as well and the memoirs of these old churches remained in the minds of the young-people for a long time. Often times my father had told me of this; of the church life and the old church he attended when a boy. This old Presbyterian Church was located between the ten and ten and a half mile roads on what is today "The Lahser Road". According to the history of Oakland county, the old Church building was sold to the United Presbyterians and moved about a mile west on the Ten Mile Road; and a new church and parsonage was built on the site. Later this church burned, leaving the old church yard beside the road alone. Here lays the remains of Thomas Shaftoe born July 19, 1796, Died Nov. 21, 1870, age 74 yrs. 4 mo. 2 days. His wife Rebecca, Born July 28, 1802 died June 12, 1878 age 75 years, 10 months, 16 days. Her father Garret Hooghkerk born Aug. 8, 1778, died Sept. 15, 1854 age 76 years, 1 month, 7 days. A son Isciac Shaftoe Born Dec. 28, 1826 Died Oct. 15, 1852 age 25 years, 9 months, 18 days. A daughter, Jane E. Talmadge, Born Dec. 4, 1835 Died Dec. 3, 1869, age 33 years, 11 months, 29 days; and three children of (Thomas Shaftoe Jr.) who died young.

Today, the old house is gone and in its place stands a modern cottage. The old plank road is gone. To the East runs the Super-Telegraph Highway which crosses the South East corner of the old farm, by a large concrete bridge that crosses over the creek that flows though the farm and Eight Mile Road which is also paved and runs on the South side of the farm. And, today it is the city limits of Detroit. On the North side of the old farm, down by the old swimming hole is a modern trailer camp. To the South is Bonnie Brook Golf Course; through which diagonally runs Farmington Ave., which was the old plank road.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

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William Shapton
Born July 29th 1822

Isaac H. Shapton

Born Dec 28th 1826

Thos Shapton

Born Jan 1st 1828

Sarah R. Shapton

Born July 10th 1831

Mary Shapton

Born July 8th 1833

Ebenezer Shapton

Born Dec 4th 1835

Rebecca Shapton

Born October 30th 1838

Robert Shapton

Dec 4th 1843

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Simon & Rebecca Shapton
Married Sept 11th 1841
William Shapton
June 1842
Sarah Shapton
April 12th 1849

MARRIAGES.

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

Rebecca Shastoe
Died August 17th 1842

Isaac Shastoe
Died Oct 15th 1852

Jane C. Calmudge
Died December 3rd 1869

DEATHS.

^{by} Father
Thomas Shastoe,
died November 21 1870

Rebecca Shastoe
^{Mother}
Died June 12, 1878

William Sr. The oldest son of THOMAS and REBECCA (Hooghkerk) SHAFTOE; was born in Paterson, N. J. July 29, 1823; Died in Falls River, Mass., May 22, 1910. He, like his father, was an expert textile worker, and worked in several places in New York and Massachusetts; Served in the Civil War from April 24, 1861 until his discharge June 13, 1865: According to the history of his regiment (The 10th Massachusetts Volunteers) he performed notable service in the war participating in the famous battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna and Gold Harbor. He was severely wounded twice and also captured twice. While he enlisted as a Sergeant of Company B, by General order he was a First Lieutenant of Company K, but was taken prisoner in March 1865 at Fort Steadman, Petersburg. He was taken to Libbey Prison, where he was kept three weeks and then paroled. But, before he could re-join his regiment which was stationed at Georgetown, near Washington the war was over. On June 27, 1842 in Shaftsbury, Vermont he married Eunice Forbush who was born June 24, 1823 and died Oct. 26, 1853. To this union was born William Jr., In Schaghticoke, N. Y. April 15, 1843; Amanda M. born in North Adams, Jan. 9, 1845; Thomas R. born in North Adams Oct. 13, 1846. His second marriage June 4, 1854 at North Adam, Mass., was to Charlotte P. Worthington born June 24, 1831, died at Falls River, Mass., April 19, 1889. To this union was born a daughter Elizabeth.

William Jr. oldest son of William Sr. and Eunice (Forbush) was born in Schaghticoke, N. Y. April 15, 1843 died at 29 West Alvord St., Springfield, Mass. Aug. 28, 1923; He also followed the trade of his father, a expert textile worker: He also served in the Civil War, enlisting June 14, 1861, transferred June 19, 1864 to 37th Mass; again was transferred June 21, 1865 to the 20th of Mass., Commissioned Serg., Brigade Headquarters July 1865. On Feb. 13, 1863 in West Springfield, Mass., he married Alice J. Sherman. To this union was born William A., Nov. 24, 1864 Died Oct. 16, 1918, and James T. Shaftoe, July 27, 1866 now living at 29 West Alvord Street, and is an Optician located at 1970 Main Street, Springfield, Mass.

William A. oldest son of William Shaftoe Jr. and Alice J. (Sherman) Shaftoe, Born Nov. 24, 1864, Adams, Mass., and died in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 1918. He was a expert weaver, working with his father. He married on Sept. 27, 1883, Mary Spaulding who was born Feb. 4, 1864 and died Sept. 9, 1944. She was the daughter of Chas. Spaulding, who was a railroad contractor and builder. To this union was born Charles M., Sept. 20, 1884 and a daughter Alice May, Nov. 23, 1886. He and his wife were divorced after which he remarried and to this union was born a son Herbert L.

Charles M. Shaftoe the son of William A. and Mary (Spaulding) Shaftoe born Sept. 20, 1884, whose address is 72 Strathmore Road, Brookline, Mass. He was a former newspaper reporter and columnist and railroad executive, working for the New York, New Haven,

Note; Charles M. Shaftoe new address is;
19 Merrymouth Ave., Wollaston, 70, Mass.

Hartford Rail Road Company. He married Clara Mc Millan; Aug. 30, 1906, who was the daughter of Charles M. and Anna Gordon Mc Millan. She is living at 113 Safford Street, Norford Douns (near Boston) Mass. To this union was born a son Donald, March 19, 1909. After their divorce, Charles M., married Marjorie Louise Mathews, who was born in Boston, and the daughter of Major General Thomas R. and Leona (Wright) Mathews. Marjorie Shaftoe is a well known Home Economist, operating "Home Craft", located at 711 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Donald Shaftoe, son of Charles M. and Clara (McMillan) Shaftoe born March 19, 1909. He is employed by the Howard Johnson Restaurant Co., who operates a chain of restaurants located in several Eastern Cities. He is their traveling Manager. He married Katherine Conolley, Dec. 22, 1937. daughter of Edward and Ann (Kelley) Conolley. She lives with Clara, 113 Safford Street, Norford Douns. and works with Marjorie in "Home Craft". To this union was born a Daughter:

Barbara: Born Jan. 24. 1939

Alice May, Daughter of William A. and Mary (Spaulding) Shaftoe. Born Nov. 23, 1886. In 1891, Alice's father and mother were divorced, and her mother married Lynott B. Root who was the cousin of the prominent lawyer and public official Elihu Root, who in 1899 was Secretary of war. In 1905. Secretary of State: in 1909 was elected U.S. Senator: in 1912 was the permanent Chairman of the Republican National Convention, making the rules which won for the body 'The Steam Roller' nickname. In 1912 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and in 1916 received 103 votes on the first ballot for the Republican Nomination for President. Because this divorce and marriage, Alice was raised in a private Academy located in Rome, N.Y. The only home she knew as a girl was during her short vacations which she spent in the home of her Grand Father William Shaftoe Jr. She did not remember seeing her father until she was 16 years old. During World War II she worked in a Defense Plant, doing her part to furnish the needed weapons. Her younger son was in the Army. She is truly a wonderful wife and mother. On Jan. 31, 1904 she married Louis Reda. born Oct. 19, 1882. To this union was born three children: William Louis Reda, Dorothy Reda, and Ralph Robert Reda. Alice Reda's home address is 2065 E. 38th Street, Brooklyn 34, N.Y.

William Louis Reda, Sr.: born Sept. 26, 1904. Married Jan. 2, 1930 to Renee Rinaldi, born Oct. 16, 1909. To this union were born:
William Louis Reda Jr., Dec. 29, 1932, and
Martin Thomas Reda, June 8, 1944

Dorothy Reda, born May 21, 1920, married Dec. 21, 1940, to Morris Schectman, born Dec. 18, 1918. To this union was born:
Phyllis Carol Schectman, born April 10, 1944

Ralph Robert Reda, born Aug. 21, 1922. married Dec. 8, 1941 to Gloria Eleanor Mummary, born July 14, 1923.
To this union was born:

Barbara Elizabeth, Nov. 15, 1942

William A. Shaftoe; Second marriage was to the present Mrs. William A. Shaftoe, who resided at the Alms Hotel, Victory Parkway, and Mc Milliam Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. To this union was born a son:

Herbert L.; He enlisted in the United States Army when he was a young man and became a "Professional Soldier", working his way up to a U. S. Colonel. He saw service in "World Wars" I and II; Had service in Europe, in fact in many places of the world having just returned from Japan at the time of my interview with him in Cincinnati; has traveled extensively in England, having been at the old Shaftoe estate; He has been in every branch of the service in the U.S. Army. He is a married man, his wife living at 3842 Clifton Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

James T. Shaftoe; Second son of William Jr, and Alice (Sherman) Shaftoe; Born July 27, 1866, is now living at 29 West Alvord Street, Springfield, Mass. He is an Optician and owns a Opticial Store, which he still operates at 1970 Main Street, Springfield. He is one of the oldest Optician in the State of Massachusetts, having been at his present location for over 50 years. Through study and research, he today uses the most modern methods and equipment. He is very active in "Fraternal Lodge" work, being a leading member of Knights of Pythias Lodge in Springfield, having held a State Office. He married Annie E. Carey, born at Utica, New York, Jan. 8, 1869 Died at 29 Alvord Street April 27, 1941. To this union was born two sons, Harold Raymond, born March 29, 1890; and Harry Wells, born Dec. 13, 1895. Harold and Harry married June 23, 1915 two sisters. Harold marrying Myrtle B. Scott and Harry marrying Mildred L. Scott in a beautiful double Wedding.

Harold Raymond Shaftoe: The oldest son of James T. and Annie E. (Carey) Shaftoe, Born March 29, 1890 married Myrtle B. Scott June 23, 1915. Living at 332 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach Florida. They had no children.

Harry Wells Shaftoe; The youngest son of James T. and Annie E. (Carey) Shaftoe, Born Dec. 13, 1895. Married Mildred L. Scott June 23, 1915. Living at Sylvan Ln. Agawan, Springfield, Mass. To this union was born:

Thelma, Born Aug. 19, 1917; Married Earl Randell, April 30, 1937. He is an Insurance Investigator, living in Reading, Mass. They have no children.

Barbara; Born Nov. 6, 1920; Married Wesley Collins, Aug. 2, 1944. He is a Candy Maker: Address Springfield, Mass. To this union was born:

Corey Lee Collins; Born Oct. 22, 1944

Gordon; Born June 11, 1923; He was a First Class Private in World War II. Last information he is attending Bates College, Lewiston, Me. He is unmarried.

James T. Shaftoe, (Continued) For a number of years there existed a very loyal and sincere friendship and association between James T. Shaftoe and a Mr. Chamberlin. There also existed a similar friendship between Mrs. Shaftoe and Mrs. Chamberlin. This made these two couples inseparable friends and companions. Through death, James Shaftoe on April 27, 1941 lost his much beloved wife. Likewise either a short time before or after Mrs. Chamberlin lost her beloved husband. In each case it was a double sorrow. Mr. Shaftoe not only had lost his wife, but his best friend as well. Mrs. Chamberlin had not only lost her husband but also her best friend. It was only natural being the friends that they were that there was a very strong mutual sympathy between these two. Each wanted to help and assist the other. After years of a happy married life both were extremely lonesome and because of this loneliness there was a close companionship formed. This grew into an autumn romance. On June 25, 1946 at the Wesley M. E. Church James T. Shaftoe and Ida M. Chamberlin were united in matrimony by the Rev. Dr. John Hoon. They both have found a new happiness in this truely happy marriage.

Amanda M. Shaftoe; Daughter of William Sr. and Eunice (Forbush) Shaftoe: Born in North Adams, Mass., Jan. 9, 1845; Married Edwin D. Jones, Feb. 22, 1864, in Russell, Mass.; I have no information regarding her descendents.

Thomas R. Shaftoe, Son of William Sr. and Eunice (Forbush) Shaftoe Born in North Adams, Mass., Oct. 13, 1845; Died in Taunton, Mass.; Married Mary Cosgrove, Dec. 24, 1868 in Holyoke, Mass. No other information.

William Shaftoe Sr. Second Marriage was to Charlotte P. Worthington Estes, Born June 11, 1854 in Windsor, Conn.; Died in Falls River Mass. April 19, 1889; To this union was born:

Charles Shaftoe; Son of William Sr. and Charlotte P. (Worthington) Shaftoe, Born in North Adams, July 6, 1855; Died in North Adams, Sept. 10, 1855.

Sarah Jane Shaftoe; Daughter of William Sr. and Charlotte P. (Worthington) Shaftoe, Born South Adams, Mass., March 21, 1858 Died in West Springfield, Sept. 7, 1864.

Lizzie E. Shaftoe; Daughter of William Sr. and Charlotte P. (Worthington) Shaftoe, Born in West Springfield, Mass., Oct. 22, 1863 and died in Falls River Mass. Feb. 23, 1949: She married Addison M. Blanchard and to this union was born a son Herbert Shaftoe Blanchard.

Herbert Shaftoe Blanchard; Name legally changed to Herbert Blanchard Shaftoe: Born June 24, 1884 in Falls River, Mass. Herbert at an early age was adopted by his Grandfather, William Shaftoe Sr., who raised him as his own son and only naturally became to be known as Herbert Shaftoe. Before his marriage he was unable to obtain records of his adoption so he legally assumed the name of Herbert B. Shaftoe. He is the Assistant Treasure of the New England System, 441 Stuart Street, Boston 16, Mass. This company owns a chain of Electric, Gas and Transportation systems located in different cities, in the New England States. For the first ten months ending

Oct. 31, of the year 1950, the gross earnings of the company were \$90,027,433. The company has paid quarterly Dividends over a long period of time. The present rate being 20 cents per share of stock each quarter. At the present price of the New York Stock Exchange where it is listed it pays around 7% interest on the investment. Herbert married Marguerite Watson on Nov. 4, 1915 and owns a beautiful colonial home at 611 Commercial Street, East Weymouth 89, Mass. One of the very striking features of this home is the antique circular stairs in the living room. To the back of the estate surrounded by trees, he has built an artificial lake which he stocked with bass. Mrs. Shaftoe has a kennel of pedigreed dogs. She is a very refined lady and actively engaged socially. During the last year Herbert's health has been very poor. We all hope for a quick and full recovery. They have no children.

Lizzie E. Shaftoe, Continued: Lizzie E. (Shaftoe) Blanchard on Aug. 20, 1894 married Charles Edgar Hill, Born Oct. 23, 1869, in Falls River, Died Aug. 7, 1947 in Falls River, Mass. To this union was born:

Elsie May Hill; Born in Fall River, Mass. April 4, 1895; Married Edward Whalen, Fall River, Mass., to this union was born:

Edward Jr. Who is married and has 2 children.

William; Who is married and has 2 children.

Charles; Who is unmarried.

Chester A. Hill: Born in Fall River, Mass., Mar. 1, 1897, Married Jennie Kershaw; To this union were born 2 daughters. Each are married and both have children.

Charles William Hill; Born May 21, 1906 in Fall River, Mass., Married Betty Middleton in Nov. 1935. To this union was born one child:

Lynne.



BIRTHS.

William Shafte Son Was born
July 29th 1822 at Fallston N.H.

Emmie Horbush Wife of Wm Shafte Son
was born June 24th 1823 at Stark
New-Hampshire.

Charlotte P Worthington 2nd wife
of Wm Shafte was born June 24th 1831
at Minor Conn

Wm Shafte Jr was born April 15th 1843
at Schaghticoke N.Y.

Amanda W Shafte was born Jan 9th
1845 at North Adams Mass

Thomas R Shafte was born
October 13th 1846 at North Adams
Mass



Shaptoe

William Shaptoe was born on the 24th day
of Feb 1862 in the Town of ...
Son of Wm Shaptoe & Alice I.

James T. Shaptoe was born on the 27th
day of July 1866 in the County of ...
South ...
Son of Wm Shaptoe & Alice I.

Harold Raymond Shaptoe. Born
March 29-1890 at Utica. Oneida Co. N.Y.
Son of James T. & Annie E. Shaptoe

Harry Wells Shaptoe. Born Dec. 13-
1895 at Utica. Oneida Co. New York.
Son of James T. & Annie E. Shaptoe

Annie E. Shaptoe. Wife of James
T. Shaptoe. Born at Utica. New York.
Jan. 8-1869 (Whidbeyman Union Catalog)

Marrriages.

William Shaffoe Jun^r & Alice A. Kimball
was Married in the County of Hampshire
Town of West Chatham in the 13th day
of February 1863. by the Rev. Henry Sawyer.

1863.

Wm Shaffoe Sen & Eunice Foxbrook ^{was married}
June 27th 1842 Shaftsbury Vermont

William Shaffoe Sen & Charlotte P. North-
ington was Married June 14th 1854
at North Adams Mass

James T. Shaffoe & Annie E. Carey.
married Sept 4-1888 at Utica N.Y.

Harold K. Shaffoe, Son of Mr & Mrs James
T. Shaffoe, to Myrtle B. Scott June 23-1915

Harry Wells Shaffoe, Son of Mr & Mrs James
T. Shaffoe, to Mildred L. Scott
June 23-1915.

Deaths

Emmie Shafter - Wife of Mr Shafter Sen
Died at North Adams Mass.
Oct 26th 1853 - Age 31 Year 4 Months

Charlotte P. Shafter ^{Doct} Wife of Mr
Shafter Sen Died April 19th 1889
Age 57 Year 5 Month at Fall River Mass

Rebecca Shafter mother of Mr Shafter Sen was
born in Albany N.Y. Aug. 28th 1802
Died June 11th 1878 Aged 76 Years

Thomas Shafter was born in England
July 9th 1796
Died Nov 31st 1890 at the age
of 74 years 4 months & 12 days

Mr. Arthur Shafter Son of Mr Shafter
Died at Springfield Hospital Oct 16th
1918 at the age of 53 years &
11 months & 15 days

William Shafter Jr. Died At- 29 West
Alvord St. Springfield, Mass. August
28th 1923. Age 80 Yrs. 4 Mos. 13 Days.
Father of William A. & James T. Shafter.

Alice S. Shafter "Maiden name, Sherman"
Wife of William Shafter Jr. and Mother of
William A. Shafter & James T. Shafter.
Died at 29 West Alvord St. Springfield, Mass.
Oct- 25th 1928 - Age 84 Yrs. 4 Mos. 9 Days.

Annie E. Shafter, "Maiden name Carey" Wife of James T.
Shafter & Mother of Harold R. and H. Wells Shafter
Died at 29 West Alvord St., Springfield Mass.,
April 27th 1941 - Age 72 years

MARRIAGE CONTINUED

James T. Shafter & Ida M. Chamberlain
Married June 25-1946 at Wesley M. E. Church
Springfield Mass. by Rev. Dr. John Hoon

Isaac Shaftoe; Second son of Thomas and Rebecca (Hooghkerke) Shaftoe
Born Dec. 28, 1822: Died Oct. 15, 1852.

Thomas Shaftoe Jr. Third son of Thomas and Rebecca (Hooghkerke) Shaftoe
Born Nov. 1, 1828, in Schaghticoke, N. Y. Died in 1895. Came from New
York with his parents in 1845 when he was 17 years old. Settling on a
farm which is now located on Telegraphic Highway and Eight Mile Road
Southfield Township, Oakland County, Mich. After finishing school he
entered the Baptist Ministry and was pastor of the Redford Baptist
Church. Which was later known as the Bell Branch Baptist Church for
16 years. From the best information I could gather this church was
located to the south of the old Pioneers Cemetery which is located on
Telegraphic Highway and Puritan Street, Detroit, Mich. While he was
pastor of the church a new brick church was erected at this location,
but later after he resigned the membership move to what was then a
village of Redford, Mich., which was located about a mile North and
one East of the old location. Both these communities are today a
prosperous residential district of Detroit, Mich. While he was pastor
of this church he also ran the old Shaftoe farm. After he resigned as
pastor of the Redford Church, he became the pastor of the Somerville
Baptist Church which is located south of Wayne, Mich., for a number of
years. After resigning here he became pastor of the Baptist Church of
Commerce, Mich., until his health failed. On Oct. 31, 1850 he married
Phebe Heron and to this union was born:

Pheabe Shaftoe the daughter of Thomas Jr. and Pheabe (Heron)
Shaftoe: Born Oct. 1, 1854: Married Samuel J. Ford of Dearborn,
Mich. April 15, 1879; (his father and Henry Ford's father were
first cousins). After their marriage they moved to Richmond,
Va., where they have lived; To this union were born:

Edna May Ford; Born in 1880. She is Mrs. C.S. Taylor, R.F.D.
#3 Box 87 1/2, Richmond, Va.

Ray Ford; Born in 1883. Now living in Richmond, Va.

Jessie Ford; Born March 13, 1885.

Charlott Elizabeth (Lottie) Shaftoe, Daughter of Thomas Jr. and
Pheabe (Heron) Shaftoe; Born Dec. 5, 1865; Married Herbert A.
Seely: Born in Oakland County, Mich., Oct. 20, 1860; Mar. 25, 1885.
On my last visit with her about 3 years ago she was still living
in the home she owns at 23825 Wilmarth Street, Farmington, Mich.
My visits with her were in a personal way and most interesting.
She gave me most of the information I am now writing. She knew
my father before he had met my mother giving definit details
about things that I only knew vaguely. She told me what a
wonderful musician my father was and how he had made very success-
ful musical concert tours. She remembers when she was a girl
of 14, how my father and his pretty little bride (my mother)
came to their home on their honey moon and was so thrilled that
my mother and her had become such good friends. She remembered
Uncle William Shaftoe well, having known him when he came to
visit her father after she was married and lived across the
street from her father in Wayne, Mich. It was indeed a very
interesting visit. Cousin Lottie and her husband had no children.

William T. Shaftoe; Son of Thomas Jr. and Pheabe (Heron) Shaftoe Born in Oakland County, Mich., April 5, 1870 and resides at 324 Houstonia Street, Royal Oak, Mich. It was in this hospitable home that I met for the first time the relatives which live in or near Detroit, Mich. They certainly gave me a royal and very friendly welcome. Cousin Lottie presenting me with the old Shaftoe Family Bible that contains the records which I had Photo-stats made and have placed in this book. I have received this same welcome and kindness in the homes I have visited in New York and Massachusetts. My vacation trips have all been wonderful. I thank you all. William T. Shaftoe married Cora A. Ingersoll on Oct. 10, 1893. To this union was born:

Ruth Shaftoe oldest daughter of William T. and Cora A. (Ingersoll) Shaftoe; Born in Orrville, Ohio, July 29, 1897; Ruth is Assistant Librarian of the Public Library of River Rouge, Mich. This Library is in the high school building and is used as a study and reference room by the students. Among her duties is to aid these students. It has been said that knowledge is to "Know what you know, know where to find what you do not know; and how to apply it when once you have found it." I have found this to be true in a practical way in my work as an engineer. This work that Ruth is doing seems to me as one of the most important phases of a students education. She is very refined and well educated having obtained her college degree. Ruth is unmarried and resides at 114 Elm Street, River Rouge, Mich.

Alonzo Shaftoe, son of William T. and Cora A. (Ingersoll) Shaftoe, Born in Spencer, Indiana, Dec. 3, 1900; Married Verne Bridges in June 1920. To this union was born:

Robert William Shaftoe, son of Alonzo, and Verne (Bridges) Shaftoe; Born Nov. 26, 1921 in Highland Park, Mich. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He married Hazel Evans, in July 1943.

Margaret Ruth Shaftoe; Daughter of Alonzo and Verna (Bridges) Shaftoe, Born in Detroit, Mich., Sept. 21, 1924. Married John Gomola, who served in the U.S. Army in World War II., in August 1942. To this union was born:

John David Gomola; Born in Wyandotte, Mich., Feb. 17, 1944.

Lasira A. Shaftoe, Daughter of William T. and Cora A. (Ingersoll) Shaftoe; Born in Mitchell, Ind., Jan 17, 1902. Lasira is working in an office in Detroit, Mich., and lives at home, 324 Houstonia Street, Royal Oak, Mich. She is unmarried.

Sarah R. Shaftoe; Daughter of Thomas, Sr. and Rebeca (Hooghkerk) Shaftoe, Born: Feb. 10, 1831. Aunt Sarah was my father's favorite sister. There was a mutual affection existing between the two. Letters were exchanged frequently. Aunt Sarah's letter always helped and encouraged my father. She was always his big sister and he was her baby brother. She sent my father the old Shaftoe heirloom, the old anirons of which he was so proud. One of my first recollection of childhood was our visit to Michigan when I was a very small boy and staying at Aunt Saraha's home, which was located about a mile from my father's old boyhood home. On April 1, 1849 she married Luke Boden and to this union was born, Rebecca (Boden) Steward, whose daughter is Fannie McQuilton, Lake Orion, Oakland county, Mich.; a son William Boden who died on April 1944, at the age of 85 years. He was unmarried; and a son Edwin Boden, who was a drugest in Bay City, Mich. He has a son Eward Boden living at Luggon Beach, R.F.D. 5, Bay City, Mich. He is a lawyer, is married and has 3 children.

Mary Shaftoe; Daughter of Thomas Sr. and Rebeca (Hooghkerk) Shaftoe Born; July 8, 1833. There was a strange affection exsisted between Aunt Mary and my father and as I have visited with different members of the Shaftoe Family I have found that in too many cases the same affection was present between other members of the family. Aunt Mary was to my father his older sister and to her he was the pesterer, agitating, teasing kid brother. My father had the ability to irritate her in many ways and she also could and did retaliate. So you can see just how well they got along although I really think they both enjoyed it. I do not know much of her family or where she lived as I never was able to contact or meet any member of her family. She married in 1851, John Brown, and to this union was born a daughter by the name of Sarah Davis, Sarah Davis's daughter was Rebecca West who had four sons, eight grandchildren and three great grand children. The only address I have of any of these is L.D. West, 12034 Cloverlawn Ave., Detroit, Mich. Aunt Mary also had two sons Robert Brown and John Brown. Her second marriage was to John Fergusson.

Jane Elizabeth (Shaftoe) Talmadge; Daughter of Thomas Sr. and Rebecca (Hooghkerk) Shaftoe Born Dec. 4, 1835; Died Dec. 3, 1869.

Rebecca Shaftoe; Daughter of Thomas Sr. and Rebecca (Hooghkerk) Shaftoe Born Oct. 30, 1838, Died August 17, 1842.

Robert Hooghkerk Shaftoe: The youngest son of Thomas and Rebecca (Hooghkerk) Shaftoe: Born Dec. 4, 1843; Died Aug. 5, 1906. (My father) He was born in Schaghticoke, N. Y. and when he was two years of age his parents moved to the farm 15 miles on the Old Plank Road out of Detroit, Mich. So his childhood, boyhood and as a young man was spent on this farm. The work was hard, as grain was harvested by the old cradle and the hay was mowed with a schythe. So a day's work was long and hard. All the schooling he received was at the old country school. Attending only during the winter months when he could be spared from the farm work. The rest of his education was gained by his own study and work. The old home life as a boy, in fact that of the entire family, was clearly described in a portion of his poem "The Yemmasee", which I quote:

"When the moon with silvery light
Is shining on a world of white;
When in the yard the trees bend low
Beneath a weight of clinging snow;
My thoughts go wandering far away
To where my fondest fancies play
'Mid scenes of early childhood hours;
Enthralled by memories subtle powers.

I see a large scant-furnish room
Where in a corner stands a loom;
A broad deep fireplace built of bricks
Is piled with gnarly blazing sticks;
The andirons shine like burnish gold,
A brazen pair, They'r quaint and old;
A tallow candle burning bright,
With blazing fagots furnish light;
And gather here, once more I see
The old home friends so dear to me.

My father still unbent by care,
Is seated in his old arm chair;
And as he smokes his pipe of clay,
Rests from the labors of the day.
My mother with her spec's and cap,
With mending outfit in her lap,
Proceeds with needle swift and true
To make old garments "good as new".
A sister at the spinning wheel
Winds from the spindle to the reel
Her knots of yarn, then lays away
The finished product of the day.

I see an aged woman sit
Before the open fire and knit;
A cousin of my mother, who
With little of her own to do,
Had left her city home to spend
A season with her childhood friend

Upon a farm in country new,
Where cares were many, comforts few;
A woman with a cultured mind,
And with a heart extremely kind
She saw the narrow life I led,
My thoughtless ways, the books I read;
And sought by methods wise and clear,
To broaden out my mental sphere.
She told me stories, new and old,
Of statesmen brave, and warriors bold;
Of deeds by humble workers wrought,
The outgrowth of noble thought;
'Till all unconscious of her plan,
I, too, resolved to be a Man."

This woman, the cousin of his mother, was the great influence that came into his boyhood life. She was a highly educated and talented musician and in her great way she saw the high natural musical talent that my father had. She interested him in music and its study, teaching him its fundamentals so that he could go on, and by hard work and study he became a self educated and talented musician. Music, outside of the hard farm work was his life. The first suit of clothes he owned was earned by walking two miles after a hard days work on the farm, teaching "Singing School" at one dollar a night. This cousin of his mother owned an old handmade very expensive violin which she taught my father to play and finally gave it to him. And, long after she left, he worked and practice and became an excellent violinist besides being a fine singer. He remained on the farm until he was 25 years of age, when he left the farm and started in a business of his own; in which he failed. Starting on a musical career, dedicating his voice and violin to Christian service and became a "Singing Evangelist". Some well meaning church members criticised my father because he played the fiddle; claiming that because the instrument was used at dances it was the instrument of the Devil and should not be played in a church. And, although my father contended that the violin was a fine instrument and could be used in Christian Service and that there were no logical reason to give it exclusively to the devil; but because he soon found that by playing the violin he was actual hurting his influence and christian work, he put away his violin and never touched it for years. About the same time while holding evangelistic campaign he contracted a severe cold which deprived him of his voice. For some time he was unable to speak above a whisper. When his voice did return his singing voice was gone, which he never regained. At this time the Baptist Church at Laingburg, Mich., wanted my father to enter the ministry and become its pastor. This he did and was ordain in Laingburg in 1876. In Bennington township in Shiawassee county, Mich., there was an other Baptist church which the pastor at Laingburg general served, so my father became it's pastor as well. This church was built on a corner of a deacons farm. The lumber had been sawed from this farm and the different members had built the church. This deacon was Joseph Place, a wealthy farmer who after his children were all born had come to Michigan from New York state. According to information I have, he traced his family history back to the Rhode Island Baptist who took part in writing the "Constitution of the United States". While in this deacon's home he met his daughter, Mary Ellen Place (my mother). They became engaged

and were married July 13, 1879. My mother was a frail woman only weighing about 98 pounds. She was extremely kind but her sincerest efforts were general misjudged. She had a steadily easy-going personality, and very meek. But, one that you could not force or rush. If this was tried it just would not work. I inherited all of this from my mother together with the Shaftoe fighting spirit. My mother was the daughter of Joseph Place, Born Nov. 2, 1779, died Nov. 8, 1883; and Mary M. Place, Born June 19, 1806, died March 22, 1880. Cemetery located So. West corner of the East 1/2 of the So. West 1/4 of Sec. 23 Bennington Twp. Shiawassee County Mich. This is on the old Grand River Road. From here I could write a book on the family life and my father's activities which might be as interesting as Harold Spence's book "One Foot in Heaven". But, I will not try, at least for a while. To this union was born Claude R. Feb. 18, 1882 died March 6, 1942; Roy P. Born June 10, 1886 (myself) now living at 933 Belmont Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.; Fred T. Born Sept. 20, 1888 Died Nov. 15, 1894; and Mabel G. Born Oct. 26, 1894 died Jan. 3, 1915.

Claude R. Shaftoe; The oldest son of Robert H. and Mary M. (Place) Shaftoe; Born Feb. 18, 1882. In Marengo, Iowa and Died in Muskegon, Mich., Mar. 6, 1942. Claude always held the oldest son's high place in the affection of our father. After finishing school he went to Richland, Mo., to operate father's large stock farm by taking in stock to pasture, at so much a head. Claude's job was to keep them salted and the fences in repair. He had an unlimited amount of money for expenses. After the pasture season had ended he returned to Logan, Iowa where we were living at the time. Father took him to Eagle Grove, Iowa; using his influence to get him a job where there would be advancement with the C and N. W. Rail road company. Father owned a house in Eagle Grove and the rent was paid in the bank; and if Claude ran short of cash between pay days, all he had to do was write a check, sign father's name and his C.R.S. and he received the money. He came to Plainfield, Ill., where we had moved to visit us. While there, he met Bessie Bennett and a romance ensued and he remained in Plainfield so he could see Bessie. Then we again moved, this time to Richland, Mo., Claude Married Bessie Harriet Bennett, Oct. 18, 1905 and came to Richland, Mo., to again run father's farm where he stayed until after the death of my father. He purchased a farm located a short distance from Custer, Mich. He remained on this farm until his son Lyndon C. Shaftoe, who was born at Richland, Mo., Aug. 12, 1906, finished the country school. Claude then moved to Muskegon, Mich., and started working as a maintenance engineer in a factory. He remained here until his death. His wife Bessie still lives in Muskegon, 860 Fleming Street.

Dr. Lyndon C. Shaftoe, Born Aug. 12, 1906, the only son of Claude R. and Bessie H. (Bennett) Shaftoe. Lyndon graduated from high school in Muskegon, Mich., and then attended The Chicago College of Osteopathy from which he graduated in 1930. He located in St. Ignace, Mich., where he has an established practice. He married Sylvia Thompson, Feb. 10, 1933 and to this union was born;

Lyndon Robert Shaftoe, Born April 27, 1936.

Karen Ann Shaftoe, Born Aug. 20, 1938.

Roy Place Shaftoe; Second son of Robert H. Shaftoe and Mary E. (Place) Shaftoe (myself) I was born in Mahomet, Champayne County, Ill., June 10, 1886. At birth I weighed 3 pounds and the doctor said I could not live more than 10 days. At the age of one I was taken very sick and the doctor said I would not live until morning, but when morning came I was much better, although it was thought that I never would walk. I finely gained the use of my arms and legs. According to recent X-ray pictures I do have a badly crippled back which the doctor says that I might have had at birth. It could have been caused by an injury early in life, or it could have been caused by Infantile Paralysis which might have been my illness at the age of one year. It was his opinion it was caused by the latter. I do not know just how many of my readers ever stood by a pig pen and watched the little runt pig pushed around by the bigger pigs and how resorcefull it became. This is the picture of my life. Because of lack of size and physical strenght, being 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall and only weighing 118 pounds, many times I have been pushed around. Since I left home, never has any boss I have had ever accused me of being unwilling or unable to carry my share of the load, regardless of how hard it might be. These jobs included handling 250 pound trucks while baggage agent for the C. & N. W. Railroad Co., to holding the toughest hand fired job in the city of Chicago, at the age of 45 years. I always had the ability to find an easy way to do a hard job. For the past 35 years I have been an engineer, operating and maintaining stationary engines, refrigerator systems, electric equipment, steam boilers and all auxiliary equipment. I have worked in 17 different power and heating plants among these were The Spencer Iowa Light Plant (municipal); Busy Hotel McAlester, Okla.; The Tulsa Okla. High School; The Crawford Street Power Plant; Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, Ill. (This was one of the largest and efficient power plants in the United States at the time I was working there); 17 years at Union League Club, Chicago, Ill. I am at present employed by The Nox-Rust Chemical Corp., 2429 So. Halsted Street, Chicago, Ill. During these 35 years, I have carefully and faithfully studied firing, combustion and draft, and all phases of economical production and the efficient use of steam, electricity and refrigeration. My motto has been "Service at the least possible cost", which I have followed to the best of my ability. On Dec. 15, 1909 I married Eleanor I. Trask, Born Mar. 8, 1892, Daughter of Grant L. and Agnus (French) Trask. To this union was born on Dec. 27, 1910 a son.

Robert Grant Shaftoe; son of Roy P. Shaftoe and Eleanor I. (Trask) Born Dec. 27, 1910 in Benson, Neb., (near Omaha) and is living at 612 Max Welton Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. Robert is another product of a Divorce court, having been raised after the age of 9 years by his mother and Step-Father. If his mother and I had continued to be married and living together he undoubtly would have received a university education. He graduated from the Eagle Grove, Iowa High School in 1930. This was at the start of the great depression which hit me so hard I was unable to give him the education I had always wanted him to have, but not withstanding through his own efforts he learned the tool and die makers trade and today he holds a responsible position as tool and die maker for the Solar Air Craft Company, who manufacture airoplanes engines for the United States Government. At the out break of World War II he tried to enlist in every branch of service, but was turned down

because of poor eye sight. On Nov. 16, 1941 he married Shirley Waugh, Born June 14, 1924, who is the daughter of Floyd Waugh of Niles, Mich., and Vida Grienke of Alta. Iowa. To this union was born:

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Robert LeRoy Shaftoe, Born Dec. 17, 1942

Sherry1 Ann. Shaftoe, Born Oct. 24, 1946

Fred T. Shaftoe: Son of Robert H. and Mary E. (Place) Shaftoe; Born Sept. 20, 1888 Died Nov. 15, 1894, My father had always wanted at least one of us children to have the musical talent and voice he had when a boy and young man. Freddie, who was born in Paw Paw, Ill., had these talents and voice. At the age of four he would sing solos in church. Before his death at the age of six his voice had developed into a very rich boy sopranoist. He was my father's pride and joy. He was not only my brother, but my playmate and pal at the age of six he was much larger and stronger than I, although I was eight. His death was a great sorrow to us all.

Mabel Grace Shaftoe: Daughter of Robert H. and Mary E. (Place) Shaftoe; Born in Cordova, Ill., Oct. 26, 1894. Died Jan. 3, 1915 in Rochelle, Ill.: Mabel was born three weeks before Freddie died. Both he and I had wanted a baby sister and the joy of her birth was over shadowed by Freddie's Death. Our mother died when Mabel was 6 years of age and I was 15. After our father's death, when she was 11 years old she lived with our Step-Mother in Paw Paw, Ill. She graduated from the Paw Paw High School. Mama as we always referred to our step-mother bought her a fine piano for a birthday present and Mabel became an accomplished pianist, being the church pianist for the Paw Paw Baptist Church for a number of years; being also active in other church work. She was attending Teacher's College in DeKalb, Ill., when at Thanksgiving time she was taken ill. Returning home, Mama took her to the hospital in Rochelle. Both my brother Claude and I visited her in this hospital and as we both stood on different sides of her bed she reached up her hands giving one to each; a beautiful smile lit up her face and she said "Claude, Roy I am so glad you both could come and see me for I know this will be the last time we will be together for I know I never will recover, but I did so want you both to see how really wonderful mama has been to me and how good she really is. I know I will not live to repay her and I want you to promise me to always be good to mama and repay in any way you can for me."

Robert H. Shaftoe on Nov. 12, 1902 married Olive Woods, Born Jan 20, 1865. She lived in Paw Paw, Ill. During the last long sickness of my father and to my sister Mabel she was a real angel of mercy, always doing her best to take a mother's place in the home. She is still living in Paw Paw and is in very comfortable circumstances. Her brother I. M. Woods who will be 94 years of age Jan. 26, 1951 lives with her; and both are able to do for themselves.

My Start

When I made my first trip to Detroit, Mich., to find information regarding the Shaftoe family and my father's boy-hood home, my knowledge of the family was very limited. All I knew was that my father's mother had died in Oakland county, Southfield township. That my father had a brother by the name of Thomas Shaftoe, who had been pastor of the Redford Church for 16 years. Knowing that my father had been raised as a Presbyterian I presumed that his brother was pastor of the Presbyterian church of Redord. I knew he had a sister Sarah, who had lived near Detroit and a sister Mary who had lived some distance from Detroit and that he had been raised about 15 miles on the Old Plank Road from Detroit. But I had found out that most all the old roads were plank roads. I did not know which direction from Detroit he had lived. While planning my trip, I had found an Alonzo Shaftoe living in Detroit, (I wrote him but received no reply) and a Claude Shafto living at 11 Portage Street and a Sydney Shafto living at 16 Portage Street, Pontiac, Mich. Because my brother's name was Claude I thought there might be some connection between this Claude Shafto and our family.

After arriving in Detroit the first place I went was to the historical division of the Public Library, here I obtained the map of Southfield township which showed the different owners of the farms and also I found that in the United Presbyterian cemetary were buried several Shaftoes although the name was misspelled. This cemetary is located about 3 miles north of Redford. The next day I went to Redford but upon inquiry, I found the Rev. Thomas Shaftoe was never a pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Redford; but I did locate the United Presbyterian cemetary and found the graves of the following:

Thomas Shaftoe; Died in 1870 age 74 years 4 months and 2 days.
Rebecca Shaftoe; Died in 1878 age 76 years 10 months and 16 days.
Three children of Thomas Jr. and Pheaba Shaftoe who had died young in 1864.
Iscliac Shaftoe; Born Dec. 28, 1826; Died Oct. 15, 1852.

This was the first time I had known my grandfather's and Grandmother's first names. On a second trip after knowing more of the family history I located the graves of Garret Hooghkerk the father of Rebecca Shaftoe Born Aug. 8, 1778 Died Sept. 15, 1854 age 76 years 1 mo. and 7 days, and the grave of Jane Elizebeth Talmadge, Daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Shaftoe Born Dec. 4, 1835 Died Dec. 3, 1869.

The next day I went to Pontiac, Mich., which is the county seat of Oakland county, looking up old records, I found that Sarah Shaftoe of Southfield township had married Luke Boden in 1849 at the age of 18 years, Mary Shaftoe also of Southfield township had married John Brown and Pheaba Shaftoe of Southfield township had married Samuel Ford of Dearborn, Mich., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas Shaftoe. This is all the information I could get. I returned to my hotel and called the home of Claude Shafto and made a date to see him in the evening. This was my start; the book you now have is the finish.

Branches of the Shafto Family in the United States.

The Pontiac, Mich., Branch.

My meeting with Claude Shafto was very friendly and cordial. He informed me that I was the first Shafto or Shaftoe who was not a member of his immediate, that he ever had the opportunity to meet. He told me that he and his brother who lived across the street from him were born in England and had come to this country together and had finally settled in Pontiac. Later a third brother came over and settled in the west but they had lost all contact with each other. He also said that he had known no other Shafto's in England although he understood his family had originated in the Northern part of England and were merchant adventure men and mariners. (Many of the Shafto's and Shaftoe's who lived in Newcastle on the Tyne, Northumberland County, England were seamen.) He said in England he had looked for the name but had only seen it once when one of the English papers published an account of the death of a leading actress who had the Middle name of Shafto. He said in this country he also had never seen it although his grocerman had told him he had known a family of Shaftoes living in Boston, Mass. It was this information that enabled me to locate my Uncle William's branch of the family.

Today there are several members of this branch of the Shafto family listed in the telephone directory of Pontiac, Mich. Among these is Douglas A. Shafto, 650 Lockhaven Road, Pontiac, Mich., who was given a big write up in the "Saturday Evening Post" during World War II in a article entitled "Where There's a Yank There's a Way". Telling of his exploits and accomplishment while a M/Sgt. in New Guinea working as Chief Aircraft repairman.

The New Jersey Branch.

I found the following information in the "Congressional Library", Washington, D. C.

Anthony Shafto of Yorkshire, England, Born Sept. 27, 1750, came to United States of America with his six children in 1791. His other children were born here. The old family record is inscribed in the hand of Robert, eldest son of Anthony Shafto. Robert Shafto emigrated from Yorkshire, England landing in Philadelphia, July 8, 1791.

The old homestead of this family was on the banks of Shark's River Brook between the stream and Corlues Avenue about west of Hamilton, Monmouth County, N. J. The Shaftos of Farmingdale, N. J. were descendants of this family.

There was a G.I. by the name of Shafto whose marriage by the fountain in one of the parks in Atlanta, Ga., was given so much publicity in the daily news papers. He requested the mayor of Atlanta for the privilege to marry his sweetheart by the fountain where he had first met her. The mayor not only granted the privilege but furnished the platform and organ, declaring a half holiday so all could attend the wedding. This was the largest wedding ever held in Atlanta. He was from Farmingdale, N. J.

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AIR MAIL

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Mrs Roy F. Shapton,
305 So. Clark St.,
Chicago, (Ill.).
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Sender's name and address:-

Rev W. Harris Barbour,
The House, Middleton,
Morpeth, England.

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19th. May 1947.

Dear Mr. Shaftoe,

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter, but the General Assembly of our Church has been meeting recently, and I have been very much occupied with that.

I am afraid I havn't much information to offer you yet, but I am not finished my investigations yet.

Did I tell you that we havn't any old baptismal records at Bavington? Even before I got your letters, I had been making enquiries about our old ~~records~~ records, only to find that these are apparently non-existent.

What I have done up to the moment is this. I have been to see a Miss Shaftoe, who still lives in the Bavington distict. She hadn't much to tell me, but she is contacting her relations and will communicate with me again. She did tell me that some of the Shaftoes were buried ~~at~~ in a little Church at Thockrington, which is near Bavington. I went there and this is what I discovered. The following are tomb stone and grave inscriptions:

"George Shafto Delaval of Bavington Hall, Esq., who died on the 11th day of January, 1782.

also Eleanor Louisa, daughter of Sir Cuthbert Shafto, who died ~~there~~ on the 11th. day of Aug. 1803.

and also the said Sir Cuthbert Shafto who died on the 26th. day of Nov, 1812, aged 76 years.

also William Shafto, brother of the said Sir Cuthbert died on the 22nd. day of April 1833, aged 81 years."

The above inscipation was on a tomb in the floor of the Church. On a wall tablet was the following inscription

"In memory of James Delaval Shafto of Bavington, son of Robert Ingram Shafto, who died 12th. Aug. 1857, aged 28years.

In the Churchyard was a monument with the inscipation "Charles Cuthbert Shafto, died 22nd. Dec. 1866".

This Church at Thock-rington is no longer used for services, so the ~~records~~ records are lodged for safekeeping with a solicitor in Newcastle-on-Tyne. I have received permission to inspect these and will do so at the very earliest opportunity. I shall also visit Kirkwhelpington Parish Church and examine the baptismal roll there and the marriage register etc to see if there are any traces of the Shaftoes.

About the Shafto saddle, I don't think I can do much in this direction, but I will ask a neighbouring farmer who is a great horseman and who ~~lives~~ lives at East Shafto Hall.

I am still not happy about taking the five pounds. However, I have banked it at the moment, and then later if you are not satisfied with what I do for you, I shall willingly return it, for I have a horror of imposing upon anyone,

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

W. Ham, Barrow.

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RECORDS OF THE CHURCH AT THOCKRINGTON

This information may not be of very great assistance, as the records are written in old-fashioned copper-plate handwritting, and on paper which is faded, and in places ragged - so that they are not always easy to decipher. Secondly, there is no entry (except in isolated cases) of the person's age at the time of death, nor of the place of residence. It seems, from looking at the records, that there are several branches of the family, but it seems possible that William Shaftoe born in 1721, who died in 1793, may possibly have been your great-great-grandfather. I was unable to find any entry of the baptism of your grandfather, but as you will see, there is an entry in the burial register relating to William Shaftoe who died in 1827 - I believe you stated that your grandfather was the son of William Shaftoe.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful, but these notes are copies of the entries as they are made in the records, and there are very few details about the people.

I may also mention that the spelling of the name varies - in some cases it is written 'Shafto'. There seems no uniformity about this - often people who are obviously related have the name spelled differently. I expect in those days people were not so particular about official documents, and the Priest used his own discretion about the spelling. It was very interesting looking through such old records, and I am sure that if I had been allowed to take the old books home and study them at my leisure, I should have been able to find out some more details - however this was not allowed.

One thing which was interesting to note was that the people who were being married, were not, in the majority, able to write their names, and most of the entries in the marriage register were signed by means of a cross, witnessed by the Priest.

Baptisms.

William Shaftoe of Carrycoats Farm. 15.10.1721
Forster Shaftoe, son of Charles Shaftoe 26.9.1723
Charles Shaftoe 22.4.1728
Ann, daughter of Mr. Shaftoe of Carrycoats 21.4.1726
Martha D., daughter of Charles Shaftoe of Carrycoats 20.5.1731
John M., son of Charles Shaftoe of Carrycoats 6.3.1737

Marriage Register.

Robert Ingram Shaftoe married Ann Brown 26.6.1827

Burials.

6.11.1746	Mr. Charles Shaftoe
15.8.1749	Mrs. Mary Shaftoe (Widow)
14.3.1744	Captain Matthew Shaftoe
4.4.1775	Mrs. Sara Shaftoe. Wife of Cuthbert Shaftoe
25.10.1780	John, son of William & Mary Shaftoe
28.10.1780	Mary, daughter of William Shaftoe
10.10.1785	Richard, son of William Shaftoe
17.10.1785	Mrs. Mary Shaftoe
18.1.1788	Robert Shaftoe
26.2.1793	Alexander, son of Cuthbert Shaftoe
13.10.1793	William Shaftoe.
15.1.1795	Cuthbert, son of Cuthbert Shaftoe
17.1.1785	Francis, son of Cuthbert Shaftoe
21.11.1799	Mrs. E. Shaftoe, wife of William Shaftoe
27.7.1805	Mrs. Mary Shaftoe, wife of George Shaftoe
26.3.1816	Ann, Wife of George Shaftoe
27.10.1827	William Shaftoe
19.6.1826	George Shaftoe
16.1.1831	Robert S. Shaftoe
1844 (Date illegible)	William G. Shaftoe
13.4.1848	Robert I. Shaftoe
19.8.1857	(Aged 28) James D. Shaftoe
28.12.1866	(Aged 71) Charles C. Shaftoe

SHAFTOE OF ANVILL AND SWALWELL.

James Shaftoe, descended
of the family of Shaftoe of
Bavington, in Northumber-
land.

William Shaftoe = dau of
Fenwyke.

Clement Shaftoe of Anvill = Elizabeth, dau. of Rowland
in the bishoprick. Rawe. of the bishoprick.

Rowland Shaftoe of Anvill, byg. 1575.	Isabel, dau. of Robert Railes or Rames, of Shortliff, in North- umberland.	William Shaftoe of Swal- well, 2nd son, livinge 1615.	Margery, dau. of John Bil- ingham of Crook- hall.	Barbara, wife of Robert Har- bottell of Tanfrilde.	Isabel, wife of William Lawe.	Anne, wife of Robert Harbottell of North Cawsey, Northumber- land.
William Shaftoe, aged 10, a 1575. Anthony. Anna.	Arthur Shaftoe, sonne & heire.	Alice, dau. of Jas. Gas- coigne of Turnmill.	Eliz., wife of Nathan Jackson.	2. Will. 3. Christ. 4. Charles.	Barbara, wife of Ralph Ben- kinsop of Chel- ley.	
Timothy, sonne and heire, æt. 8, 1615.	William.	June.	Isabel.	Margaret.		

Witnessed for true by the subscription of Rowland
Shaftoe of Anvill aforesaid, at Daresbure, on Monday,
5 Sept., 1575.—ROWLAND SHAFTOE.

WILLIAM SHAFTOE.
1615.

SHAFTOE OF TANFIELD-LEIGH.

John Shaftoe of Tanfield- Leigh, in co. pal. = dau. of Fenwick of Wallington.

Gerrard Shaftoe of Bavington. = dau. of Forster of Etherstone in co. Northumberland.

Cleanor, wife to John Blakeston. Christopher. Rowland. James Shaftoe of Tanfield- Leigh, 1615. = Eliz., dau. of John Mills of Collingham. Notts. Mary, wife to Thomas Trotter.

Thomas Shaftoe, sonne and heire, 1615. = Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Allgood of Stockfield.

James, sonne and heire, æt. 8, 1615. John. Thomas. Richard. Catherine.

See pedigree Surtees' Durham, vol. ii. p. 220.

SHAFTO

From Surtees Durham Vol 3, page 296:

1. Robert Shafto baptized Dec 16 1596 married Anderson.
They had (2) Robert, Bertram, Mark, James, Anne, Anne, Alice, Dorcas.
2. Robert bapt. May 30 1626 died 1668. Married Anne Hall dau of Christopher
They had a daughter Anne. He married second, Mary Foulis dau of
Sir Henry Foulis Baronet, July 1660. She died 1694.
They had Henry b. 1665, d. 1710, (3) Robert, Jane and Mary.
3. Robert bapt Mar 10 1663 d. 1714. High Sheriff of Northumberland.
Married Dorothy Heselrigge dau of Sir Thomas, Baronet, and
Elizabeth Fenwick dau of Col. George Fenwick.
They had (4) Robert and Dorothy.
4. Robert died Nov 3 1735. High Sheriff. Married Mary Jenison dau of Ralph.
They had Thomas, (5) Robert and Jenisson who d. 1771 married
Margaret Allen and had no children.
5. Robert died June 18 1780. April 14 1752 married Camilla dau of Thomas
Allan. Died June 19 1782.
They had Robert b. April 23 1760 d. single 1781, Camilla who mar-
ried Hugh Adair and Jenison bapt 1761 and died young

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From Harleian

From Harleian Society vol 8, p. 235

A Sir Robert Shafto was Recorder of Newcastle and was knighted at
Whitehall June 26 1670.

A Rowland Shafto was of Tamvill.

1. Thomas Shafto had (2) Mark (2) Thomas
2. Mark Shafto married Miss Legard and had a daughter who married a
Strother (3) Robert and Thomas
3. Sir Robert Shafto d. 1704 married Katherine dau of Thomas Widrington
and died 1667. They had 3 daughters a son and (4) Mark
4. Mark High Sheriff of Durham received 1706 2500 pounds a year.
Married Margaret dau of Sir William Ingleby.

2. Thomas Shafto son of Thomas 1, married Jane Jackson dau of Thomas
and had (3) James
3. James Shafto married Eliza dau of Joseph Danby died 1702 and had
4. James who married Miss Sandford and had James, Thomas and Nicolas
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From North Country Sketches by George Mesham 1893

Mark Shafto Mayor of Newcastle 1548.

Sir Robert d. 1704 had Mark High Sheriff of Durham 1709 who had Robert
M.P. 1712, 1727, 1729 who had John who had Robert.

Miss Bellasis wrote:

"Bobby Shafto's bright and fair combing down his yellow hair
He's my own for ivvermair, Hey for Bobby Shafto!
Bobby Shafto's gone to sea wi' silver buckles on his knee.
When he comes back he'll marry me. Bonny Bobby Shafto!"

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Shaftos of Benwell Township

1. William Shafto 1489 held land in Little Bevington married Miss Bevington and had (2) Edward (2) James Ralph and Gilbert
2. Edward Shafto married Elizabeth dau Thomas Swinburne and had Cuthbert who married Isabel dau Roger Bertram and had John who m. Anne dau Sir William Ellerkin; and (3) Mark
3. Mark Shafto Sheriff, Mayor 1542. m. Jane Riddell dau Thomas, Mayor of Newcastle. They had Leonard, (4) Ninion, Mark a merchant adventurer and sheriff as well as Mayor 1578, died April 9 1590 Wife Elizabeth, Edward merchant adventurer m. Isabel dau of Mr Ogle, and Elizabeth m. William Greenwell
4. Ninian Shafto d. 1581 merchant adventurer m. Agnes dau Henry Brandlong alderman. They had Christopher, (5) Robert, Henry, John, Elizabeth who married John Johnson and Ursula who m. William Patterson and Margaret m. Griffin
5. Robert Shafto bapt Nov 1575 m. Jan 13 1594 Jane dau Robert Eden and had (6) Robert, Mark, Christopher died young, Mark bapt Mar 25 1601 B.A. Cambridge, M.P. lawyer d. Feb 25 1659 m. Feb 7 1630 Mary dau Robert Ledger (Legard) Ninian bapt Nov 25 1604 d. 1647 m. Jane dau Leonard Carr May 1 16 7 she d. 1678 after having Robert, Robert, Ralph and Jane; Eden m. Antony Metcalf, Ann m. Robt Tempest and John Clawney; Dorcas m. Henry Cook, Mary died young, Alice m. John Emerson, Isabel m. Abraham Booth.
6. Robert Shafto bapt Dec 16 1596 d. 1670 m. Jane dau Bertram Anderson bapt Nov 1 1604 d. 1671 and had Robert
7. Robert Shafto bapt May 30 1626 d. 1668 m. Anne dau Christopher Hall Jan 2 1680 m. (2) Mary dau Sir Henry Foulis and had by Mary, (8) Robert Henry, Jane m. James Sanderson, and Mary
8. Robert bapt Mar 10 1663 High Sheriff d. 1714. m. Dorothy dau of Sir Thomas Headrig and Elizabeth dau Col. George Fenwick and had (9) Robert, Dorothy
9. Robert Shafto High Sheriff d. Oct 30 1735 m. Mary dau Ralph Jenison May 18 1711 and had (10) Robert, Jenison captain, d. May 14 1771 m. Margaret dau Thomas Allan no child, Thomas, and William who died young.
10. Robert Shafto died June 11 1780 m. April 4 1752 Camilla dau Thomas Allan and had (11) Robert Jenison and Camilla who m. William Adair
11. Robert Shafto d. Aug 30 1780

2. James Shafto son of first William, married a Fenwick and had (3) Gerard and William who m. a Fenwick
3. Gerard m. Miss Forster and had James
4. James Shafto m. Mary
5. Rowland m. Ursula dau Reynold Swinburne 1590
6. John Shafto.

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From Surtees Durham vol 2, p. 220:

1. William Shafto of Northumberland married a Bevington and had (2) James, Ralph, Gilbert and Edmund who married a Swinburn.
2. James Shafto married a Fenwick and had William who married a Fenwick and had Percival and Clement who married Elizabeth Rowe; and had also (3) Gerard
3. Gerard Shafto son of James married a Forster and had (4) James
4. James Shafto died 1594 Wife Mary. They had Christopher who married Grace Bloxton, (5) James, Eleanor and Mary
5. James Shafto 1637 married Elizabeth Mills and had (6) James, Charles, Thomas and five daughters.
6. James Shafto had (7) James
7. James Shafto married Elizabeth Danby.

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From Harleian Society vol 16, pa. 284

1. Edward Shafto of Babyington married dau of Thomas Swynborn of Natherton and had Agnes who m. Thos Carnaby and Martyn Turpyn, Barbara m. George Eryngton, Fortune m. Thomas Eryngton, Malby married George Heron Grace married Cuthbert Musgrove, (2) John, George, Ambrose, Edward.
2. John Shafto married Anne dau Sir William Ellerker and had John, Edward, Luke, William, Jane, Mary, Dorothy and Grace.

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From Surtees Durham vol 2, p. 246

1. Clemnet Shafto son of William who married Miss Fenwick, married Elizabeth Rowe and had, (2) Rowland, 3 daughters, William married Mary Billingham died 1625, Arthur d. 1639, Alice, Gascoyne and (2) William
2. Rowland married Isabel dau Robert Raynes and had (3) William, Anthony.
3. William married Susanna. He born 1565. Had Christopher and Eliza.
2. William son of Clement, married Ida Hedworth and had Isabel, Agnes, Elizabeth. William d. 1641, Thomas (3), Charles, Rowland, Clement, John.
3. Thomas d. 1641 married Phillis Ogle and had (4) George, Henry, Susan, Jane, and Isabel.
4. George d. 1668 wife Elizabeth. They had William died young, (5) Thomas as Elizabeth.
5. Thomas Shafto married Anne Fenwick 1693, and had Henry d. 1693, George, Thomas, Elizabeth, Margaret, Anne, Phillis, Thomas.

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From Burke's Landed Gentry vol 2, p. 1220

1. John Folliot Lord of Fenwick, married a dau of Sir Adam Beaumark
2. John Folliot married Annabella dau Sir John Pollington and had Sir John (3) Cuthbert and Alexander.
3. Cuthbert Folliott m. dau of Roger Welwick Lord of Shafto
4. Thomas Folliott called Shafto. Five generations later we have:
10. William married Bavington
11. Edward Shafto married Elizabeth dau Thomas Swinburne Esq.
12. Cuthbert m. Isabel dau Roger Bertram Esq. ancestor of Robt. I. Shafto.

Alexander above, married Anne Fenwick and had Sampson, and Ninian

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Burke's Landed Gentry vol 2, page 1220 continued.

1. Alexander married Anne Fenwick His fifth son was:
2. Mark Shafto married Margaret Riddell. Mayor of Newcastle. They had:
Edward m. Isabel Ogle, (3) Ninian, Mark, Leonard, Launcelot, Elizabeth
3. Ninian Shafto d. 1581. m. Anne Branding dau of Homer and had (4)
Robert
4. Robert Shafto, Alderman and Sheriff m. Jane dau Robert Eden Robert,
(5) Mark Ninian m. Jane Carr, Edmond, Anne Dorcas and Mary
5. Mark Shafto d. Feb. 25 1659 m. Mary Legard dau Thomas and had Robert
who married Dorothy Downey dau Lord Viscount Downey, (6) John,
Catherine
6. John Shafto d. April 3 1742 m. Mary dau of Thomas Jackson and had
(7) Robert Thomas Goodfellow D.D. Dorothy m. Wilmot Vaughan and
Margaret
7. Robert m. April 18 1774 Ann dau Thos Duncombe and Diana dau Henry
Howard Earl of Carlisle and Frances dau of Charles Spencer and
Countess Arabella dau Henry Cavendish Duke of Newcastle. They had
John, Robert E.D. and Thomas

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1. Mark Shafto m. Mary Legard and had Robert bapt 1631 died young, Sir
Robert (2) Thomas, Jane m. William Strother
2. Sir Robert Shafto bapt May 13 1634 d. 1705. m. July 18 1661 Catherine
dau of Sir Thomas Widdrington and Frances dau Ferde Baron Fairfax.
They had (3) Mark Ursula, Frances Mary
3. Mark Shafto b. April 8 1662 High Sheriff of Durham d. Dec 28 1723.
Married Margaret dau of Sir John Ingleby of Ripley Baronet d. Sept
12 1715. They had Robert m. Dorothy Dawney and had no child,
(4) John and Catherine who married John Eden.
4. John Shafto died April 3 1742 m. Mary Jackson dau Thomas, d. 1768.
They had Thomas Goodfellow d. single 1797, (5) Robert Dorothy m.
Wilmot Vaughan and Margaret.
5. Robert Shafto M.P. d. Nov 24 1797. m. Anne dau Thomas Duncombe and
Diana dau Henry Howard 4th Earl of Carlisle and Frances dau of
Charles Spencer Earl of Sunderland and Arabella Cavendish. They
had John 1775-1802 (6) Robert and Thomas b. Aug 23 1777
6. Robert Eden Duncombe Shafto b. Mar 23 1776 M.P. 1804. Married
Catherine dau of Sir John Eden Nov 1803. They had Robert Duncombe,
born London April 7 1806, John May 16 1807, Thomas D. Mar 25 1811,
Frederick William 1812-1820 Slingsby Duncombe Aug 13 1813, Arthur
D. Jan 11 1815 Catherine D. and Maria G.D.

